

NATIONAL POLICIES

A. COMPENSATION - LOCAL CARRIERS ARE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR CALLS TERMINATED OVER THEIR NETWORKS.

Application of Policy: Messaging Carriers Are Entitled To Compensation Regardless Of Fact That Messaging Carriers Do Not Terminate Traffic At Present Over LEC Networks.

B. CONSISTENCY - PAYMENT BETWEEN CO-CARRIERS SHOULD BE BASED ON DIRECTIONALITY. IF CARRIER ONLY RECEIVES (TERMINATES) TRAFFIC, IT SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR FACILITY.

Application of Policy: Messaging Carrier Should Not Be Required To Pay For Inter-Carrier Facility Between LEC And MTSO. If Messaging Carrier Uses Facility To Originate As Well, Payment Based On Proportionality Of Directional Use.

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C. COMPENSATION TO CO-CARRIERS SHOULD PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COMPETITION

- ♦ **UNEQUAL TREATMENT HARMS MESSAGING CARRIERS THAT USED NOT TO OFFER TWO-WAY INTERACTIVE SERVICES**
- ♦ **UNEQUAL TREATMENT WOULD FORCE OTHERWISE UNECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS**
 - ◇ **MESSAGING CARRIER RELATIONSHIP w/CLEC**
 - ◇ **MESSAGING CARRIER RELATIONSHIP w/CELLULAR CARRIER**
 - ◇ **MESSAGING CARRIER RELATIONSHIP w/INDIVIDUALS**

Application of Policy: Require LECs to compensate all wireless carriers for all traffic terminated on wireless facilities - no distinction based on one-way nature of traffic

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D. COMPENSATION POLICY RE LECs SHOULD ALSO PROMOTE COMPETITION

- 1. ALL LECs MUST OFFER TRUE END OFFICE INTERCONNECTION AT REASONABLE COST-BASED RATES, WITHOUT SUBSIDIES**
- 2. CHARGES FOR END OFFICE "NUMBERS" MUST BE COST BASED. THERE MUST BE NO LEC CHARGES FOR NXX CODES. (Any charges, assessed fairly to all carriers by third party Administrator).**
- 3. ALL CARRIERS ENTITLED TO ALL SIGNALING ARRANGEMENTS. MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SS7.**

MYTH TO DEBUNK

**ALLEGATION: TRAFFIC MUST FLOW IN BOTH
DIRECTIONS (MUTUALITY OF TRAFFIC) IN
ORDER FOR ENTITLEMENT TO
COMPENSATION (Conn. DPU; SNET)**

**RESPONSE: MESSAGING CARRIER INCURS
COSTS FOR TERMINATING TRAFFIC; THE
FACT THAT IT DOES NOT ORIGINATE
TRAFFIC HAS NO BEARING UPON THE FACT
THAT COSTS ARE INCURRED**

MYTH TO DEBUNK

**ALLEGATION: STATES NEED BROAD JURISDICTION
OVER WIRELESS CARRIERS IN ORDER FOR THOSE
CARRIERS TO BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION (Conn.
DPU)**

**RESPONSE: STATE JURISDICTION IRRELEVANT TO
ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION**

MYTH TO DEBUNK

**ALLEGATION: MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE
CUSTOMERS, NOT CARRIERS (e.g. NYNEX
argument that messaging carriers have
private-non-interconnected networks, using
two-call topography)**

**RESPONSE: MESSAGING CARRIERS
ARE CO-CARRIERS**

**MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE
INTERCONNECTED**